

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 21, 2009

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

SDR-31744 - SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: LIED ANIMAL SHELTER - OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS - Request for a Site Development Plan Review FOR AN EXISTING 1,400 SQUARE-FOOT VETERINARY SCHOOL, AN EXISTING 1,900 SQUARE-FOOT OFFICE, AN EXISTING 4,116 SQUARE-FOOT CAT FACILITY AND A PROPOSED 2,800 SQUARE-FOOT SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC on 8.39 acres at the southwest corner of Mojave Road and Harris Avenue (APN 139-25-405-008), C-V (Civic) Zone, Ward 3 (Reese). The Planning Commission (6-0 vote) and staff recommend APPROVAL

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

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APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission (6-0 vote) and staff recommend APPROVAL, subject to conditions.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Location and Aerial Maps
2. Conditions and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Photos
5. Justification Letter
6. Submitted after Final Agenda - Protest/Support Postcards
7. Submitted after Meeting – Recordation Notice of City Council Action and Conditions of Approval
8. Backup Referenced from the 12-18-2008 Planning Commission Meeting Item 20

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve subject to conditions

Passed For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-DAVID W. STEINMAN); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN)

NOTE: Under Item 66, COUNCILMAN STEINMAN disclosed that, as a Planning Commissioner, he had voted on 90 percent of the items on this agenda; therefore, he would abstain on each of those items on the advice of Counsel.

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Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

ATTORNEY JENNIFER LAZOVICH, 3800 Howard Hughes Parkway, appeared with GAGE FIORENTINO to represent the applicant.

Having received letters of opposition, COUNCILMAN REESE inquired whether neighborhood meetings were held. GAGE FIORENTINO acknowledged the receipt of one protest. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON appreciated the pre-meeting briefing and asked GAGE FIORENTINO whether a strategy had been developed to address any potential concerns. He replied that he was aware of only one issue that may involve some minor construction which he did not believe would be intrusive to the neighborhood.

KEITH WHITLOCK, 5445 West Reno Avenue, #415, appeared in support of the application and stated that as a volunteer, he could attest to the negative publicity Lied has received over the course of years. He strongly endorsed the low-cost neuter clinic as a means to alleviate overpopulation. Using the overhead, he displayed a copy of a survey indicating the fees charged for spaying/neutering animals and emphasized that mandatory spay/neuter clinics have not produced positive results.

ATTORNEY LAZOVICH appreciated MR. WHITLOCK'S comments endorsing the Lied Animal Shelter. COUNCILMAN REESE added that the Council has always supported the Lied Animal Shelter and appreciates the services it provides.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.